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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

The following is presented in response to the Final Office Action mailed March 20, 2003 in connection with the above-captioned patent application.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 6, 11, 18, 25, and 26 as follows:

6. (Twice Amended) A stencil printing emulsion ink comprising:

An oil phase component,

A water phase component.

An alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer and/or carboxyvinyl polymer in which the content of the alkyl-modified carboxyvinyl polymer and/or carboxyvinyl polymer is 0.2 to 0.4% by weight of the total weight of the ink, and

borax, wherein said ink is free from an emulsifier which forms a liquid crystal structure between the oil phase and the water phase.